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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJ: USAID CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOK PROJECT: REQUEST

FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE

FOR ECONOMIC COUNSELOR BREWIN FROM RAU

1. AS PART OF RECENTLY EXTENDED CURRICULUM AND TEXT BOOK
PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN USG AND GOA, SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR
ELIOT ON JANUARY 4, USAID/AFGHANISTAN HAS AGREED TO HAVE
773,000 AFGHAN TEXTBOOKS PRINTED BY FRANKLIN BOOK PROGRAMS/
TEHRAN. BOOKS ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO KABUL BY MARCH 1975
AND WILL BE DONATED TO GOA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BY USG.
COST OF OVERLAND TRANSPORTATION TEHRAN/KABUL IS INCLUDED
IN THE \$382,000 CONTRACT WITH FRANKLIN BOOK PROGRAMS AND
FRANKLIN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERY.

2. USAID/AFGHANISTAN BELIEVES DELIVERY WILL BE EXPEDITED
AND ADMINISTRATIVE DELAYS MINIMIZED IF SHIPMENT IS MADE
FROM EMBASSY TEHRAN TO EMBASSY KABUL AS DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENT.
CUSTOMS FORMALITIES, EXPORT PERMISSIONS, THROUGH SHIPMENT
WITHOUT TRANSFER TO OTHER NATIONALITY TRUCKS, ETC., SHOULD
BE EXPEDITED VIA DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENT FROM EMBASSY TO EMBASSY.

FYI, KABUL COMMISSARY RAN INTO SOME PROBLEMS IN SHIPPING
COMMISSARY GOODS FROM TEHRAN TO KABUL BECAUSE PRESENT TIR
CONVENTION REQUIRES TRANSFER TO AFGHAN TRANSPORT OF ALL
SUCH CONSIGNMENTS AT MESHERD. WE WILL SOLVE THIS PROBLEM
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IN FUTURE BY SHIPPING AS DIPLOMATIC CONSIGNMENT IN EMBASSY

KABUL TRUCKS. END FYI.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE AND GOOD OFFICES
IN HELPING FRANKLIN BOOK PROGRAMS/TEHRAN TO EXPEDITE
THIS LARGE SHIPMENT VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, E.G., SECURING
NECESSARY EXPORT PERMITS, ETC. WE WILL ADVISE DIRECTOR
FRANKLIN BOOK PROGRAMS/TEHRAN, MR A.A. MOHAJER, TO CONTACT
EMBASSY TEHRAN RE SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS WHEN YOU INDICATE
SUCH SHIPMENT VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IS POSSIBLE. FIRST
SHIPMENT SHOULD BE READY TO DEPART TEHRAN APPROXIMATELY
JANUARY 25 AND WOULD PROVIDE PATTERN FOR LATER SHIPMENTS.
WE WILL ARRANGE GOA CLEARANCE FROM KABUL FOR FRANKLIN BOOK
TRUCKS.

4. APPRECIATE YOUR EXPEDITIOUS REPLY. BEST REGARDS.

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